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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LOU HENCKEN NAMED VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

CHARLESTON, IL--Upon the recommendation of Eastern Illinois University's Search Committee for Vice President for Student Affairs, President David Jorns has appointed Lou Hencken to the vice presidential post, effective Monday, May 17.

Hencken, who has worked in the student affairs area at Eastern for more than 25 years, has been serving as acting vice president for student affairs since May 1992.

Search Committee Chair Larry Williams said, "While there were many strong candidates for the position, Lou was the first choice among search committee members who voted by secret ballot and ~~the search was that~~ ^{The} determines that Lou was their first choice. Throughout the search process, there was substantial involvement by members of the university community. On behalf of the committee, I'd like to thank everyone who participated."

Jorns said, "I have enjoyed working with Lou and look forward to strong leadership from him in the future. He truly has Eastern's best interests in mind."

In accepting the position, Hencken said, "My role is to represent the best interests of Eastern students and I plan to do that in a pro-active manner. I also hope to resolve concerns

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that face our students before they become major issues, continue open-door policy and provide quality services for students."

In his new role, Hencken will serve as chief student affairs officer for the university. The division includes Student Academic Services (admissions, records, registration, community college relations and textbook rental service), Financial Aid, Career Planning and Placement, Housing/Camps/Conferences, University Union, International Student Services, University Police and the Health Service. *Judicial Affairs, Orientation + Student activities.*

One of four senior executive officers, the vice president is a member of the President's Council and is directly involved in the overall planning and management of Eastern.

Hencken earned both his bachelor's in education and master's in guidance and counseling degrees from Eastern. He worked as a graduate assistant in Taylor Hall from 1966-67 and as a residence hall counselor from 1967-70. He was the first counselor in Stevenson Tower when it opened in 1968.

From 1970-71, he served as assistant director of housing and as associate director from 1971-75. For the next 14 years, he served as director of student housing, until being named associate vice president for student affairs and director of student housing in 1989.

In 1990, he received the University Service Award from Eastern and the Dean Ralph Ross Award from Rose Hulman Institute of Technology. He had previously received a Distinguished

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Service Award from the Great Lakes Association of College and University Housing Officers in 1989.

Hencken is a member of the board of directors at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center ^{and Credit Union I} and a NCAA football official. In 1989, he was selected as referee for the Division III NCAA championship game in Phoenix City, Ala.

He and his wife, Mary Kay, a business education teacher at Charleston High School, reside in Charleston. Their daughter Jill is a senior at Eastern and works part-time at Judy's Hallmark. Their ~~son~~ ^{son} Kai Lindsey is a sales representative in Indianapolis.